

## THINKS SPIRIT OF '76 AS SUPINE AS IN '16

Wilson's "Chocolate Soldier" Secretary of War Excites Nation's Disgust by Declaring Washington's Army Was as Bad as Lot as Villa's Bandit Band.

## SPOILIATION OF NUNS AND CHURCHES THUS CONDONED

"In Their Ragged Regiments Stood the Old Continentals, Yielding Not," and This is the Reason Baker Shouts in an Environment That Glories in Yielding Every American Right—Also Takes a Fling at Civil War Heroes, Saying They Committed the Same Crimes of Which Mexican Outlaws Are Now Guilty.

The defense which Secretary of War Newton D. Baker offered for Mr. Wilson's Mexican policies found quick response from patriotic Americans, but hardly the response Mr. Baker could have wished for.

In a speech in Jersey City, the Secretary likened the Mexican revolutionaries to the Continentals who fought with Washington. He admitted the Mexicans were a usually lot, but said their actions were those of all rebels. The patriots of the American revolution looted churches and drove ministers from them on their famous march to Valley Forge, he added.

## Protests From Far and Near.

Protests have come from far and near. The Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution met and adopted a resolution condemning "in the strongest terms the impudently language of the Secretary of War. Members of the society were outspoken in their denunciation. Some declared that unless his remarks were repudiated at once by President Wilson a movement should be started to force the Secretary's resignation.

## Friend of Baker's Joins.

The Empire State Society meeting was in the Waldorf-Astoria. In the chair was Louis Anshu Ames, president of the society, a Democrat, a staunch supporter of the Administration and a close friend of Secretary Baker. He was asked if he had any personal comment to make on the action of the head of the War Department.

"It is all told in the resolution," said Mr. Ames. "The resolution was passed unanimously, so it embodies my views."

"Whereas, it is reported in the New York Tribune this morning that Secretary of War Baker, at a public meeting held in Jersey City last night, used the following language reflecting upon the character of the members of Washington's army at Valley Forge, and likened them to the present Mexican revolutionaries:

## "Bad as the Mexicans."

"I know that the Mexicans do not respect American life and property," said Mr. Baker. "I know that they do not pay their debts, that they are rascals, that they are generally worthless. But people never respect those things in revolution. We did not respect them in our Civil War. Washington's soldiers in the march to Valley Forge were everything they could lay their hands on; took the silver vessels out of the churches and sold them to buy drink. They drove ministers out of the churches. Their money was worthless and they were just as bad characters as the Mexicans."

"Resolved, That we, the descendants of the patriots of the Revolution, condemn in strongest terms the impudently language of the Secretary of War, and direct that a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to him."

## Hughes Epigrams.

America will not hold her own by denunciation.

"We should have investigation before denunciation, not legislation before investigation."

"If you go through the Democratic platform for the last fifty years you will find as much as you were walking through a cemetery, denunciated to denounce constitutional theories."

"If you want power, power means responsibility. I do not want honors; I want great honors. I simply want to serve the American people."

"I am not going to follow simply for the money, but for the job."

"I want to get over the idea that a man is good enough for a job in his own right."

"I want to see our public administration as honest as American ability."

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## WILSON SNUB FOR FARMERS

Hughes Shows How Tillers of the Soil Were Ignored in Railroad Discussion.

## CROP RAISERS FOOT BILL TO PAY FOR BROTHERHOOD DEAL.

Democratic Nominee Levelled a Body Blow at the Interests of Our Agricultural Communities When at the Behest of an Exclusive Group of Railroad Workers He Increased Their Pay Without Investigating the Justice of the Demand.

Charles E. Hughes, who left Lincoln for his second day's campaigning in Nebraska, told a crowd of farmers in his speech there that the Democratic Administration had ignored the agricultural interests of the country in urging the enactment of the Adamson law. The nominee in support of his contention, cited a telegram from President H. N. Pope of the Texas Farmers' Union to President Wilson requesting that the farmers be permitted to submit data in arbitration proceedings between the railroads and the brotherhoods. He said:

"Someone Must Pay."

"I want to say in reference to rates that it seems to me the farmers of the country were very little considered the other day, when on the demand of the Administration the wages of a group of railroad workers were increased by law, in response to force. Somebody has got to pay the increased bills, and the farmers will know very quick who has to pay them."

"The farmers were not represented in this discussion. If you may call it that in this discussion—I have here a copy of a telegram that was sent to the President by Mr. Pope, the president of the State Farmers' Union of Texas, which I shall read to you."

"We ask that you make no concessions or commitments that will in any manner cause an increase in freight rates on products produced or consumed on the farm. The men who pay the freight have an equity in this dispute, which neither the railroad trustees nor the railroad managers have authority to represent. If it is your intention to personally dispose of the matter we ask that you postpone further consideration until a committee of farmers can prepare information and data to present their side of the case. If you conclude to settle by arbitration, then the organized farmers should have representation on any arbitration committee that may be formed to dispose of this question; for the men who pay should have representation as well as the men who receive it."

"We again urge that all questions involved be settled by arbitration, where all parties and all interests can be heard and the subject dealt with aside from haste and intimidation."

## Asked to Abandon Authority.

The crowd cheered when Mr. Hughes concluded reading the telegram. "No regard was paid to that message," Mr. Hughes said. "The business men of the country, through the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, were at the same time and had for many weeks before been imploring the executive and leaders in congress for an immediate and prompt inquiry in order that the justice of this matter might be known. The farmers were not there except through the presence of the representatives of the people in congress, and those representatives were asked to abdicate their authority."

"I am in favor of everything that can reasonably be done for the promotion of agriculture. I am glad to note the work of the Agricultural Department. It will be continued with me, if I am entrusted with the power, to the utmost of efficiency under my administration."

## A Body Blow Levelled.

"But it is idle to talk of interest in the farmer when you have action like this taken in congress overnight, against the protests of the farmer, and leveling a body blow at the interests of our agricultural communities."

Mr. Hughes again denied the declaration that a vote for him "meant a vote for war."

Mr. Wilson says the election of Mr. Hughes will mean war with Europe and war with Mexico. Why not chuck in Abyssinia and Patagonia for good measure? One is as likely as the other.

Now Ellis Parker Butler, author of "Felix is Right," has declared for Wilson. It's a great advertisement for him, isn't it?

Now that Mr. Hughes has left Missouri they're referring to it out there as the "Felix Show."

A Democrat leads a life of euphoria, but it has to stand for a awful lot of stepping on.

You Will Find FRESH HOME-MADE CANDY

LUCHINI BROS.

Sweet Cream and Milk for Sale

## Our Country is Not at War

## Our People are Enjoying Prosperity

# Let Well Enough Alone

## THE HOMES OF GRATIOT COUNTY

Have Not Been Invaded by the Demands of War, and the Fathers and Sons Slaughtered in the Trenches or Maimed to Gratify the Greed of Those Who Place Property Above Life.

In the Midst of the World Carnage Prosperity and Unbroken Firesides Have been the Fortune of the American People.

## Show Your Gratitude to Woodrow Wilson by Voting For Him November 7th.

To the Voters of Gratiot County who are more interested in the prosperity of the country, and peace at home than they are in party affiliation and a few politicians whose only and sole interest is election to office and ridiculing any measures that have been enacted into law by their opponents:—

The Democratic committee of Gratiot County wish to call your attention to the following and ask you as a conscientious voter, what your duty to your home and the government under which you live, is on November 7th next:

## Henry Ford

A life long Republican and pioneer in High Wage Scale, announces himself unqualified in favor of the re-election of President Wilson, and insists that the big interests are supporting Hughes, and that lovers of peace and real prosperity should stand for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

"I am for Wilson," says Mr. Ford, "because he is onto the unseen hands that seek to control the government; and that he refuses to rush into war with Mexico and sacrificing the lives of thousands of our best American boys to protect dollars that Wall street has invested in Mexico on a gamble."

"THE REPUBLICANS ARE RAISING A GREAT ROAR ABOUT THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW AND HOW IT WILL HAMPER BUSINESS. I say from experience and not from guess work that the eight-hour law will help business, and business men and employers of labor who are hostile to the law, do not know their business. I have had the eight-hour law in force in the Ford factory for three years and have made more money each succeeding year under it. As to the tariff which Republicans insist must be revised, I say the tariff is nothing but a hot-house remedy. Its effect is artificial and it can never produce a hardy permanent business plant."

"I KNOW HUGHES, TEDDY AND WALL STREET ARE BEHIND HIM. I'm a Republican, for the same reason that I have ears. I was born that way, but I'm for Wilson because I believe he can do more to enhance the prosperity and assure peace for this nation than any other candidate. Anyone who does not want peace and who wants to gamble with prosperity should vote against him."

## "WOODROW WILSON DESERVES ANOTHER TERM."

(Signed) HENRY FORD

Mr. Ford, you will remember, was the choice in the Michigan Republican primaries against William Alden Smith.

## Thos. A. Edison

A life long Republican says:

"Real Americans must drop parties and get down to fundamental principles. Woodrow Wilson has faced tremendous problems, any one of which decided the wrong way would have had disastrous consequences."

"Wilson's decisions have not got us into serious trouble nor are they likely to. He has given us peace with honor, and this talk about the United States being disposed is nonsense."

"With reference to Mexico, President Wilson acted wisely. The United States should not recognize a murderous personality as Huerta. I do not believe we should intervene in Mexico. His attitude on tariff has taken the tariff question out of the hands of politicians and intrusted it to a non-partisan tariff commission."

"They say he has blundered. Perhaps he has blundered but I notice he has blundered always in the right direction."

THOMAS A. EDISON

Speech of the Honorable James H. Mays, Republican Representative in the House of Representatives, August 25th, 1916:

"Progressive principles and Democratic legislation is detroning the government and passing prosperity around and preserving the peace of the nation. I have been a Republican by heridity, a Progressive through conviction."

"The eight-hour law, the federal reserve and Clayton anti-trust federal trade commission, merchant marine, corrupt practice, election of United States senators, pensions, preparedness, rural credits, income tax, and many other acts passed by the Democratic legislation and supported by many of the liberal Republicans, and practically all of the Progressive representatives compel me as an American citizen to support Woodrow Wilson for re-election."

"President Wilson has met every crisis with patient firmness. He has maintained the nation's honor. The Republican candidate with an astonishing lack of dignity, charges mistakes as to Mexico, but does not say what he would have done except to recognize an assassin as ruler. Later he assumes the role of command seel. Can any but those calloused hopelessly with party prejudice give such utterances the favor of a passing thought?"

"It was said by the Hon. Pat. Harrison, representative in congress, Aug. 8th, in answer to Hughes defence of the Mexican policy and Huerta. 'Was there ever such treachery practiced as the murder of Madero? JUDAS ISCARIOT'S BETRAYAL OF THE LOWLY NAZARENE; BENEDICT

ARNOLD'S TREASON TO HIS COUNTRY; these can not be compared to the treacherous acts of Huerta, but one incident in the history of the world is comparable to it—that was when a certain patriotic, brave, and progressive band of Americans who had abandoned their old love and marched to the tune of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' to the very heights of Armageddon, while assembled in Chicago on June 6th, was without warning or justification abandoned by their patron saint to the mercies of a cold and wicked world."

Progressives who left the Republican party four years ago because they believed in reforms which the old guard absolutely refused to enact into law. Read the following taken from the United Press of New York: "Without a candidate for president we, the Progressive platform framers, are in favor of Woodrow Wilson. Hereby re-affirming our allegiance to Progressive principles and herewith call the attention of the American people to the unparalleled achievement of progressive legislation secured during the last four years."

"Of 33 planks in our Progressive platform, 22 have been wholly or partly enacted into laws. We are Progressives, but this is a great national crisis. We are supporting John M. Parker for vice-president and we are endorsing Woodrow Wilson for president. Signed by:

JOHN M. PARKER, EX-GOV. LUCIUS F. GARVIN, EX-GOV. CAREY of Wyoming, JUDGE ALBERT D. NORTON, HUGH T. HALBERT, FRANK N. HOWARD, M. C. DEBACA, JAMES M. INGERSOLL, ARTHUR G. WRAY, CLARENCE B. STROUSE and J. W. McCORMICK.

## Republican administration under William H. Taft.

Mr. Taft became president March 4, 1909. Nov. 8th, 1910 rioting in Mexico; American flag destroyed; American residence and business places stoned.

Nov. 10th, 1910 same condition existed.

Nov. 19th, 1910 Madero revolution.

Mar. 7th, 1911 20,000 regulars sent to border.

April 13th, 1911 Americans killed and wounded in Douglas, Arizona.

April 4th, 1911 Douglas under fire and Gov. San of Arizona called on Mr. Taft for protection.

Oct. 10th, 1911 American killed and wounded at El Paso, Texas.

Mar. 29th, 1912 Secretary of State used the pen for note writing, rifles were out.

April 14th, 1912 more note writing.

Dec. 4th, 1912 President Taft wrote note and sent message to congress, practically like President Wilson's policy calling it Patient Non-Intervention.

Feb. 9th, 1913 street fighting, Americans killed.

Feb. 1913 President Taft refused to recognize Huerta. "I cannot send troops until I can see that by so doing I will save more lives than will be lost."

March 15th, two years after his inauguration, addressed letter to the chief of staff, in substitute as follows: "I seriously doubt whether I have the authority to intervene in Mexico. I decline without Mexican consent to send cavalry to protect the break-water across the border."

April 17th, 1911 governor of Arizona to President Taft demanding protection. Mr. Taft replying: "I cannot order troops across the border. In case of danger order your people to place themselves back out of danger and avoid casualty."

The only difference of Mexican policy is Mr. Taft called it Patient Non-Intervention—Mr. Wilson, "Watchful Waiting."

This policy may not satisfy those who have big properties like the oil corporations, big land speculators, who have taken the chance for big profits to make a fortune out of large holdings that they have acquired for a song and want the United States to send the best boys of the land to protect them in their speculations.

Part of an address delivered by Hon. Martin H. Glynn of New York. President Wilson's Policy of Neutrality.

This policy may not satisfy those who revel in destruction and find pleasure in despair. It may not satisfy the fire-eater or the swashbuckler, but it does satisfy those who worship at the altar of the God of Peace. It does satisfy the mothers of the land at whose hearth and fireside no injurious war has placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of this land and the sons of this land who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rifle, when honor draws the sword, when justice breathes a blessing on the standards they uphold.

FOR VAINGLORY OR FOR SELFISH PURPOSE OTHERS MAY CRY UP A POL-

ICY OF BLOOD AND IRON, BUT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD ACTED ON THE BELIEF THAT THE LEADER OF A NATION WHO PLUNGES HIS PEOPLE INTO AN UNNECESSARY WAR LIKE PONTIUS PILATE, VAINLY WASHES HIS HANDS OF INNOCENT BLOOD WHILE THE EARTH QUAKES AND THE HEAVENS ARE DARKENED AND THOUSANDS GAVE UP THE GHOST.

Only by standing on this rock of Americanism, against which dashed the waves of conflict, could the president of the United States, faced by a world in arms, save this country from being drawn into the whirlpool of disaster. One false step in any direction and he would have carried the nation with him over the precipice.

"This difference, my friends, between 'what is' and 'what might be' is well illustrated by two pictures which hung on the walls of the art museum in the city of St. Louis during the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

"One of these pictures portrayed the famous warriors who have stricken terror into the heart of mankind since the dawn of history. Alexander the Great was there, Caesar was there, Hannibal was there, Napoleon was there, and on either side of this sinister group lay in endless rows the sheeted dead of war.

"THE OTHER PICTURE REPRESENTED HANDS, MYRIADS OF HANDS, HUMANITY'S HANDS, STRETCHING UPWARD TOWARD THE SKY—GNARLED HANDS OF LABOR AND WRINKLED HANDS OF AGE, SMOOTH HANDS OF YOUTH AND TINY HANDS OF BABYHOOD, STRONG HANDS OF MEN AND DELICATE HANDS OF WOMEN—HANDS OF ASPIRATION STRETCHING UPWARD FROM DIVINE INSPIRATION AND PEACE.

"THESE TWO PICTURES SYMBOLIZE THE BANNERS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"OTHERS MAY FOLLOW THE LORDS OF WAR WHO RIDE AMONG THE CORPSES OF MANKIND. WE FOLLOW THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SPEAK INSPIRATION OF HUMANITY THAT ASPIRES TO HIGHEST THINGS."

Lastly—What will you, Mr. Voter, do who is conscientious and who will vote for a principle that you advocate. Will you vote your party ticket, or will you vote for the men who long before the election came out in the open and stated their position regardless of the effect.

Edwin F. Sweet, Democratic candidate for governor, stated over three weeks ago, on the streets of Ithaca, his position on prohibition. In all his career as a public officer, at home and in Washington, the people who know him honor him to be a man, and declare him the "man of the House," and a vote for him means a careful, clean, non-partisan administration for Michigan.

The Democratic convention held in Ithaca some time ago, passed a resolution in favor of statewide prohibition and the candidates on the Democratic county ticket are pledged to its support, and are working for it in their campaign.

The best service for the people as a whole, can only be attained by voting for men who represent the reforms the majority of the people want, and voters who will not vote as their conscience dictates, are unsafe to have anything to do with the problems that confront the state and nation.

Employers of labor are knocking today at every laboring man's door offering employment at good pay.

Farmers no longer are held up by Wall street bond holders who have the money of the nation in their vaults in New York when needed to move the crops.

To protect industries after the war, President Wilson has caused an Anti-Dumping law to be enacted to prevent any flood of manufactured or unprotected products in this country which will take care of anything that might happen, and the Child Labor law to protect the home and children, demand our hearty approval.

With labor employed, farmers never more prosperous, and a country at peace with the world, it would seem that every American citizen would join hands in support of the administration to which credit in full measure is due. Except, perhaps, a few politicians who would rather go hungry and ragged than approve of any administrator not stamped with their party name.

IF YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH CONDITIONS VOTE FOR—

WOODROW WILSON FOR PRESIDENT.

EDWIN F. SWEET FOR GOVERNOR.

W. A. SUGGILLER FOR CONGRESS.

AND THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET. Political Ad.